

INSURANCES.

YANGTSE FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 426,000
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 239,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 104,000
TOTAL CAPITAL AND
Accumulations this date.....Tls. 769,000

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Policies granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, at the lowest rates. Subject to a charge of 1% for Expenses on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits of the Underwriting Business will be annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the premium paid by them.

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PRINCIPAL OFFICE—129, Broadway, New York.

ASSETS.....\$1,700,000.
SURPLUS.....\$5,500,000.

The undersigned, having been appointed Agents in Hongkong, China, for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS at GREATLY REDUCED RATES, and upon Terms very favourable to the Assured.

For full Information and Particulars, apply to OLYMPIAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1878.

PHOENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The undersigned, having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to accept RISKS against Fire to the extent of \$50,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 21st November, 1878.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY AT HAMBURG.

The undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS against Fire to the extent of \$50,000, on first-class risks at current rates.

MELOCHERS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1878.

PHOENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the Current Local Rates will be allowed upon Insurances effected with this Company.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 27th June, 1878.

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

The undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS against Fire at Current Rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the premium.

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 18th November, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The undersigned are prepared to GRANT POLICIES AGAINST FIRE to the extent of \$50,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, at Current Local Rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the premium.

NORTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, January, 1878.

LIVERPOOL AND LONDON GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the current local rate of Premium will be allowed upon Insurances effected with this Company.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 27th June, 1878.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYMPIAN & Co., General Agents.
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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE THIRD, A.D. 1720.

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MARINE DEPARTMENT.
Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China, and Australia.

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Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

A discount of 20% allowed.

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Policies issued for sums not exceeding £2,000 at reduced rates.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 25th July, 1878.

BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1878.

THE TAI INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAISE 400,000; EQUAL TO \$555,555.55.

DIRECTORS.
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EXTRACTS.

THE FRIEND OF HUMANITY.

"Business old, poor, upstart."

"Henceforth (last edition):"

"My John Bull! Whatever you are doing?"

"Tackling a great old, but it is out of order."

"Will you please blow; your interests are tyrannical."

"So is your house."

"My John Bull! how little thought the great ones."

"Who are supposed to settle European."

"Questions, that you would ever be content to."

"Play second fiddle."

"I'll tell you, John Bull, have you no human feeling?"

"Will you please these insolent lands of Modern?"

"Will you sit still and see the Russian enter?"

"Constantinople?"

"Can you allow your foot of former days?"

"All anti-slavery to carry on his old game?"

"Can you, behold his struggles, and yet not?"

"Give him a thrashing."

"Have you not read the Special Correspondent?"

"Shocking accounts of a miserable degradation?"

"Will you not make a quiescent state?"

"Pass for an answer."

"JOHN BULL."

"Answer! Good gracious! I have some to give, sir!"

"Only, I know that many papers, and the."

"Stock Exchange too, occasionally spreads its."

"diabolical rumors."

"Often I'm told they're really of Basins."

"Have they put your interests in danger?"

"Still, they're not such a quiet little thing."

"Weather-eye open."

"I shall be glad to fight for British honor."

"When it's attacked, and you, of course, will help me."

"But, for my part, I never love to mix it."

"With Politics, sir."

"FRIEND OF HUMANITY."

"I come and help that; I will see that it's first."

"Watched when no sense of wrong can come to me."

"genious."

"Huffed, often, humiliated, scorned."

"Spirited Shopman."

"[Wise] refines from kicking Mr. F. B. and out in a."

"transport of martial enthusiasm and imperial."

"philanthropy."

A LARGE HEART.

"Dr. Saunders, of Nancy, obtained."

"at the medical autopsy of a man who died sud-

"denly, a heart which exceeded in size and"

"weight all the recorded instances of *cor*"

"*humans*. According to the *Revue Médicale* of"

"Paris, the heart weighed 2,100 grammes (2 lbs."

"10 oz.), the recorded weights have varied be-

"tween 500 and 680 grammes (1 lb. 12 oz. and"

"1 lb. 8 oz.). The one in question weighed"

"reports the *British Medical Journal*, on the"

"day of the autopsy, 1,480 grammes (3 lbs."

"4 oz. 4 gr.), and after it had been prepared"

"and placed in spirits for some days it still"

"weighed 1,450 grammes (3 lbs. 12 oz. 5 gr.)."

HOW THE BISHOP SWEARS.

"It must be admitted that Lord Melbourne"

"used to swear a great deal, but in this in-

"complishment he was excelled by his brother"

"George, the Under Secretary of the Home"

"Department, who, when Evelyn Denison went"

"to consult him about the educational clauses"

"of the Factory Bill, damned him, damned the"

"clauses, and damned the Bill. On complain-

"ing of this to Lord Melbourne, the only con-

"solation he got was, 'Well, damn it, what"

"can you do?' One night at Holland"

"House, Lord Melbourne stigmatized the"

"Benthams in general, and the Austins in"

"particular, as *d—d* fools. When the"

"Earl of Mulgrave wanted to become a Mar-

"quis, Lord Melbourne is said to have answered,"

"My dear Mulgrave, how can you be such a"

"*d—d* ass?" One Scotch Lord demanding"

"the Order of the Thistle, Lord Melbourne"

"said, 'Why, *d—d*, it's eat it.' There is an"

"excuse to be made for this habit, that"

"everybody swore in former times except the"

"Bishops. We never read in any memoirs an"

"instance of a Bishop swearing. But the late"

"Bishop of Exeter, when he got into hot water"

"with any one, used to pray for his antagonist"

"with such malicious fervor that a little light"

"cursing would have been a relief to the suf-

"ferer. However, we are bound to admit that"

"a water lately left the Athenaeum, and gave"

"his reason for his wishing to serve a mili-

"tary club, 'that the Bishop swore awfully if"

"his cotton chops were not up to the mark."

"But then servants always ran about their"

"late masters.—*Temple Bar*.

AN ADVENTURE OF CARL SCHURZ.

"I was in Spandau that the adventure oc-

"curred which was Carl Schurz's knightly"

"quest—if one may use a medieval figure in"

"this unknighly age. But the whole adven-

"ture is thoroughly romantic. Before the"

"troubles of 1848, Schurz was studying"

"medicine at Bonn, and there became inti-

"mate with his poet and professor Gottfried"

"Kinkel. This Kinkel was a wild, visionary"

"writer, but seems to have possessed that per-

"sonal magnetism which secures the friend-

"ship and most self-sacrificing friends. Both he"

"and Schurz took part in the so-called Baden"

"revolution in 1849, a campaign which, so far"

"as the revolutionists were concerned, resem-

"bled more closely a Penian invasion of"

"Canada than any other military event with"

"which I am acquainted. At the break-up of"

"these patriots who were able crossed the"

"frontier into France or Switzerland, Schurz"

"reaching the latter country; but Kinkel"

"was caught, and locked up in the peni-

"tentiary at Spandau, where he spent the"

"most of his time in spinning yarn for the"

"Government's benefit. His friends, however,"

"were not going to let him pine away at his"

"useful but unimportant employment without"

"making an effort to release him from it. His"

"wife—a woman of great energy of charac-

"ter—wrote to Schurz, asking if he"

"were ready to help, and he came at once to"

"Bonn to see her. From there he went with"

"letters to some trustworthy persons in Berlin"

"notably a certain physician theses friend"

"and two to the assistance of a country gen-

THE DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH AT

EXHIBITION PALACE.

"A curious collection of buildings and courts"

"and towers of various ages and epochs, from"

"the days of Henry de Lasci, King Henry's"

"first Irish Viceroys, down to this year of grace."

"Duke of Marlborough, down to this year of grace."

"story now inferior in interest and histor-

"ical importance to the Tower of London. The"

"normal English gentleman, of a rather short"

"massive build of graceful and dignified car-

"riage, with firmly-marked features, large ex-

"pressive eyes, and silky grey hair worn long."

"His face is that of a man of generous instincts"

"as well as of resolute determination. His"

"manner is unaffected and natural, observant"

"and appreciative; in conversation he is some-

"times reserved, but on an emergency he is"

"quick at rejoinder, and has been known to"

"be prompt at repartee. Only after much"

"anxious thought did he undertake the post"

"which he now holds, and which had been"

"offered him more than a year ago in the"

"last year. Since then the Duke and Duchess"

"of Marlborough have been at the Castle"

"the entertainment have been unusually bril-

"liant, while admirable judgment has been"

"shown in the selection of guests and of"

"court officials. A broad staircase, lined"

"with armour and old pieces arranged in"

"trophies, leads to the drawing-room, looking"

"out on to the courtyard, where the vicarage"

"usually sits. There are most of the"

"modern family pictures, brought from Blen-

"heim—exceedingly interesting, but not of"

"high artistic merit. There are two full-length"

"portraits of the Duke and Duchess of Blen-

"heim—a pretty picture of Lady Candour, and"

"her little girl, in blue and white, and her"

"brother, amongst others a curious group"

"characteristic of the genre portrait-painting"

"of that day, and composed of the present"

"Duke, Lords Alfred and Allan in full High-

"land costume, and Lady Louisa Spencer in a"

"white evening-gown. They are bright pic-

"tures, looking children all of them, and as they"

"recline languidly against a rock by a railing"

"recall the beauties of the harricane. There is"

"the usual pretty medley of ladies drawing-

"room; but the things noticeable are"

"relics of the great ancestor of the house."

"Here, framed in glass and gold, is the fat old"

"Blenheim despatch, written in a large bold"

"hand, and an old letter, but turns him"

"out on inspection to be an hotel-bill of the"

"period of the Duke of Marlborough's time."

"It was written, so the story goes, on a"

"drum-head, and is as follows:

"Blenheim, August 13th, 1704."

"I have not time to pay more than a few"

"lines to the Duke, and let him know that he"

"has a glorious victory. Tallyard and the other"

"generals are at my coach, and I am following the"

"army in my own carriage, my wife and child"

"are with me. I shall go in a day or two"

"to see you at the castle."

"The characters are rudely traced in pen-

"cil, as the inscription fully records in quaint"

"Latin: 'Hæc litteræ penicillo plumbeo, cum"

"pena desessit scripturæ, manu sua victorie"

"exaravit. The precious old bit of paper has"

"had some strange adventures since it was"

"first charged with this famous message."

"The Duke of Marlborough's time was once"

"showing it with other family relics to some"

"friends. Shortly afterwards it was mysteri-

"ously missing, and, spite of all search, was"

"lost for many a long day, till the Duke him-

"self lighted on it between the leaves of an"

"old book at an Oxford book-stall, and it found"

"its way back to Blenheim."

"New to the drawing-room is the anteroom."

"Here, by alone, the family dine—the old"

"sculler himself, 'John, first Duke of Marl-

"borough, frowning down on them in full"

"armour and flowing peruke. There is a"

"curved oak mantelpiece worth looking at"

"here, representing Marcellus Aurelius and the"

"'thundering legion.' The clock at hand is the"

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